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LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON,
29 PEMBERTON SQUARE, Dec. 29, 1909.

To His Excellency EBEN S. DRAPER, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SIR: — As required by section 5, chapter 291 of the Acts of 1906, the Licensing Board for the City of Boston has the honor to present its fourth annual report.

The Board has from the beginning acted upon the assumption that in the performance of its duties it should regard the interests of the whole city, and not those of any one section at the expense of the others.

The Board has stated that one of its most important policies is the non-increase under present conditions of the number of licensed places in South Boston, Charlestown, East Boston, in the vicinity of the North Station and in certain parts of Roxbury, and the non-increase of saloon licenses in close proximity to subway entrances and exits and transfer stations. This policy the Board has followed for the past year, and will continue to follow. It will continue also the three other policies stated in the last annual report, which, from its experience, it thinks especially important, namely: —

The restriction of liquor licenses, especially saloons, to business neighborhoods and main thoroughfares.

The restriction of drinking by women to hotels and restaurants.

The granting of all new licenses controlled by this Board only to *bona fide* citizens of Boston.

During the past year, as in former years, no grocer's license granted in suburban districts has been changed into a saloon license, nor have the privileges of licensees in those locations been increased.

In its selection of business neighborhoods and main thoroughfares, the Board at times arouses opposition from residents of the neighborhood who claim that their district is purely residential, although in other matters, such as demands for public improvements, the laying out of new streets, etc., urgent pleas are often made that the neighborhoods have become largely business sections. The Board is constantly importuned to grant locations in suburban and other residential districts. The greater part of these applications are refused without any knowledge on the part of the public, and only a very few that seem entirely justified are allowed to be advertised. Of those advertised, not all have been granted.

From occasional published statements it is evident to the Board that many citizens have an exaggerated idea of the number of licensed places open to women for drinking. In the city of Boston, with a population of over 600,000, there are at the present time 970 licensed liquor places of all kinds. There are 79 hotels licensed to sell liquor in which women may be served, and in addition there are 91 licensed places, including all restaurants and cafés, in which it is possible for women, with the permission of the Board, to obtain liquor to be drunk on the premises. In other words, there is a possible total of 170 licensed places (1 for every 3,500 of the population) where women may obtain liquor to be drunk on the premises. In addition to the residents of Boston, those of neighboring cities and towns supply no small part of the patronage of these places.

COMPLAINTS.

Twenty-nine complaints were received against licensees, with the following results :—

Liquor.

Dismissed, not proven,	3
Forfeited, proven,	1
No action necessary,	2
No action, case pending in court,	1
Not proven, but restriction imposed,	2
Placed on file,	1
Suspended, charges proven,	10
Withdrawn,	4

Common Victualer.

Dismissed, not proven, 1

Druggist.

Forfeited, charges sustained, 1

Intelligence Offices.

Forfeited, charges sustained, 2

Clubs.

One club license was revoked on the complaint of the police that gambling was permitted on the premises.

In addition, the Board has held with different persons, from Dec. 1, 1908, to Nov. 30, 1909, inclusive, 1,681 conferences, covering the different activities of the Board.

In its report for 1908 the Board stated that under the authority given by an act of the Legislature of 1908 it was prepared to give hearings on complaints brought either by the police department or by private parties, and to suspend licenses in cases where charges were proven. In consequence, several hearings have been held on complaints made by organizations or citizens. The Board feels obliged to make the comment that in too many instances the cases have been badly prepared, and that too often the complainants have expected that their *ex parte* statements should be accepted without question or examination. As a result, the decisions of the Board in some cases have been resented, its action misrepresented and its confidence abused by disappointed complainants. In marked contrast, the Board is glad to report, was one complainant, a clergyman, the official of an organization, who by his courtesy and fairness aided the Board to correct offences, while at the same time winning the respect of the defendants.

The Board has been surprised by the readiness with which some doubtless well-meaning officials of organizations dependent upon public subscriptions have employed men to secure evidence by committing offences against decency, if not in violation of the law.

REBATES.

The Board's decision to refuse all rebates except in case of death or for some other imperative reason has resulted in a

material saving to the city, and tends, the Board believes, to establish a more permanent body of licensees. Attention is called to Table 1 of liquor comparisons, on page 24, showing the increase in the total receipts from fees and the decrease in the number of licensed places.

DRUGGISTS' LICENSES.

The Board still believes that the present law, authorizing druggists for a license fee of \$1 to sell intoxicating liquors on the statement of the purchasers that such liquors are desired for medicinal, mechanical or chemical purposes, should be so amended that druggists shall sell alcoholic liquors — except pure alcohol — only on physicians' prescriptions. The records of hospitals, the testimony of physicians and the admission of druggists themselves show that alcoholic liquors are used with ever-decreasing frequency in sickness, and that therefore the necessity of the present form of druggists' licenses no longer exists. Many of the Boston druggists have expressed to the Board their dislike of the liquor side of their business, and in some cases have consented to sell only on physicians' prescriptions. In suburban districts where, from the absence of some form of liquor license, the demand for liquor from drug stores is very noticeable, the Board has been repeatedly urged by citizens of repute to grant druggists' licenses, even where reports made to the Board have shown an undue amount of sales: such is the case especially in suburban districts adjoining no-license towns or cities. The continuance of the present system is, in the opinion of the Board, a distinct hindrance to a permanent improvement of the liquor traffic, inducing as it does contempt for the law and encouraging hypocrisy and deceit. The Board earnestly recommends that, with the exception of pure alcohol, now so commonly used in sickness, no liquor shall be sold by druggists except on physicians' prescriptions. For the sale of pure alcohol it again recommends a special license, with an annual fee not to exceed \$10. If it be deemed unwise to restrict druggists in accordance with the Board's recommendations, then the Board asks that it be allowed to fix the annual fee for druggists' licenses at some sum not exceeding \$100.

CLUBS.

Constant requests are made of the Board for Club licenses. The policy of the Board is to grant no license except to clubs of good reputation, substantial membership, with a permanent home, — in brief, to clubs to which the license is only an incidental privilege, and not the main reason for their existence.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.

The Board is at present making a careful investigation into the management of intelligence offices, the results of which it hopes will give information of value.

FRUIT LICENSES.

Under the authority given by chapter 423 of the Acts of 1909, the Board has issued licenses for the sale of fruit, ice cream, confectionery, etc., on Sunday. Believing that this act was passed primarily to correct the hardships entailed on common victualers by previous laws, the Board decided during the first year to grant the new license only to common victualers, to those who in the past held common victualer licenses, or to such as had succeeded to the business of either class, in order that the effect of the law might be carefully observed. The result is as follows : —

Fruit, Ice Cream and Confectionery.

Applications granted,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	356
Places licensed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	343
Rejected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	111
Transferred,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Cancelled,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Revoked,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Withdrawn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Fees collected,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,770

Of the 343 licensed places, 208 hold in conjunction common victualer licenses ; but the total number of places having either a common victualer license or fruit license was, on Dec. 1, 1909, 1,776, as against 1,704 having common victualer licenses Dec. 1, 1908, before the passing of the act creating fruit licenses.

The fee was fixed at \$5, and the following conditions were imposed on those having the Sunday license :—

Only actual residents of Boston will be granted the above licenses.

The licensee must always be on the premises while open for business.

Only those occupying stores, who sell on secular days the above-described articles, and whose reputation is favorably reported on by the police department, will receive licenses.

The owners of fruit stands or temporary structures will not be licensed.

No one whose principal business is the sale of articles other than those described will be granted a license. This will apply to the owners of grocery, stationery, delicatessen, provision or other stores.

Licensees will be required not to display on Sundays their wares beyond the windows of their establishments.

The Licensing Board will not hesitate to avail itself of the authority given it to suspend or revoke licenses, especially if the licensed premises attract noisy, disorderly or otherwise offensive people.

During the coming year some redistribution of fruit and common victualer licenses will be necessary, in order to correct some evident inconsistencies resulting from the policy adopted.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES.

The reasons stated in previous years for charging a fee for common victualer licenses seem to the Board as strong as ever. The labor of the police in investigating and reporting upon each application and in inspecting frequently the licensed premises, the labor of the clerks in preparing the licenses, and the cost of supplying to each licensee the pamphlet supplied by the State, justify, the Board believes, the charging of a license fee. The Board earnestly recommends that it be authorized to fix a license fee for common victualers, not to exceed that of the fruit, confectionery, etc., licenses.

IN GENERAL.

We again take pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of our secretary and the other employees of the office.

The Board again recommends that remedial legislation be granted to control unlicensed persons, generally agents of dealers or manufacturers without the State, who sell to dealers

and others in this city liquors to be delivered from warehouses within this city.

It would also recommend legislation compelling proprietors of storage warehouses to report to the Licensing Board the names and addresses of all persons storing liquor in the said warehouses.

The co-operation of the Commissioner of Police and of the officers and men of his department with the work of the Board has been most cordial and effective, and the Board is glad to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation.

Every action of the Board has been determined by the unanimous approval of the three members.

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA H. BAKER,
FRED A. EMERY,
SAM'L H. HUDSON,

Licensing Board for the City of Boston.

APPENDIX.

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LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

The law licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor in this city provides that not more than one place shall be licensed for each 500 of the population, as ascertained by the last national or State census, nor shall the number of places in any event exceed 1,000.

TABLE 1. — NUMBER OF PLACES LICENSED.

Number of places granted during the year, ¹	974
Number of licenses pending,	10
Number of licenses surrendered for cancellation,	50
Number of new licenses granted in their places,	50

The following is a classified list of the licensed places in force Nov. 30, 1909 : —

First-class innholder,	79
First-class victualer,	691
Second-class victualer,	6
Fourth-class distiller,	2
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B,"	104
Fourth-class grocer,	82
Fourth-class wholesale druggist,	6
Fifth-class brewer,	20
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Total,	970
Sixth-class licenses,	195
Seventh-class licenses,	11
Club licenses,	43
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Total,	249

¹ Three licensed places granted, licenses not paid for. One license was granted and reconsidered, and rejected after the fee was paid. One license was granted in the same premises after the above rejection took place.

The statutes provide for seven classes of licenses.

The number of licenses issued under the classification of statute are as follows : —

TABLE 2. — NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED FROM DEC. 1, 1908, TO DEC. 1, 1909, FOR FULL YEAR.

First class,	774
Second class,	6
Fourth class,	920
Fifth class,	81
Sixth class,	208
Seventh class,	11
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Total,	2,000
Special club,	44
Special 12 o'clock privilege,	28

Number of Licenses issued from Dec. 1, 1908, to Dec. 1, 1909, for Part of Year.

First class,	43
Fourth class,	47
Fifth class,	1
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Total,	91
Special 12 o'clock privilege,	1

TABLE 3. — DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSES BY DISTRICTS AND POPULATION.

[Population, Decennial Census of 1905, 595, 380.]

DISTRICT.	Population.	Licensed Places.
Boston proper,	166,428	589 including 404 saloons.
Roxbury,	102,180	136 " 96 "
South Boston,	64,091	80 " 67 "
Charlestown,	39,983	74 " 59 "
East Boston,	51,334	41 " 34 "
West Roxbury,	54,179	26 " 16 "
Brighton,	21,806	12 " 9 "
Dorchester,	95,379	12 " 6 "

Boston proper has 1 license to every 283 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 412.

Roxbury has 1 license to every 751 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 1,064.

South Boston has 1 license to every 801 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 956.

Charlestown has 1 license to every 540 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 677+.

East Boston has 1 license to every 1,252 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 1,509+.

West Roxbury has 1 license to every 2,084 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 3,386.

Brighton has 1 license to every 1,817 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 2,422+.

Dorchester has 1 license to every 7,948 inhabitants, and 1 saloon to every 15,896+.

Licensed Places.

DISTRICT.	Innholders.	Saloons.	Grocers.	Other Classes.	Totals.
Boston proper, . . .	69	404	26	90	589
Roxbury, . . .	2	96	17	21	136
South Boston, . . .	1	67	1	11	80
Charlestown, . . .	2	59	7	6	74
East Boston, . . .	2	34	3	2	41
West Roxbury, . . .	1	16	3	6	26
Brighton, . . .	2	9	—	1	12
Dorchester, . . .	—	6	5	1	12
Totals, . . .	79	691	62	138	970

TABLE 4. — NUMBER OF LICENSED PLACES BY WARDS.

WARD.	Innholder.	First-class Victualer.	Second-class Victualer.	Fourth-class Grocer.	Fourth-class Wholesale Dealer "B."	Fourth-class Distiller.	Fourth-class Druggist.	Fifth-class Brewer.	Totals.
1,	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	11
2,	2	25	—	1	2	—	—	—	30
3,	1	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	14
4,	—	22	—	—	4	—	—	2	28
5,	1	26	—	5	—	—	—	—	32
6,	20	143	3	2	31	1	5	—	205
7,	21	122	—	6	30	—	1	—	180
8,	5	52	—	2	8	—	—	—	67
9,	4	38	—	—	2	—	—	—	44
10,	10	17	2	9	5	—	—	—	43
11,	6	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	19
12,	3	21	—	5	2	—	—	—	31
13,	—	43	—	—	6	—	—	1	50
14,	1	11	—	—	1	1	—	—	14
15,	—	11	—	1	1	—	—	1	14
16,	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	—	8
17,	1	23	—	3	2	—	—	1	30
18,	1	32	—	4	2	—	—	—	39
19,	—	26	—	5	1	—	—	12	44
20,	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	7
21,	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	6
22,	—	15	—	1	4	—	—	2	22
23,	1	9	1	3	—	—	—	1	15
24,	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	5
25,	2	9	—	—	1	—	—	—	12
Totals,	79	691	6	62	104	2	6	20	970

TABLE 5. — NUMBER OF LICENSES, PAID AND UNPAID, FROM MAY 1 TO DEC. 1, 1909.

Granted and paid for:—

First-class innholder,	79	at \$2,000,	\$158,000 00
First-class victualer,	692	1,100,	761,200 00
Second-class victualer,	6	500,	3,000 00
Fourth-class grocer,	64	1,000,	64,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "A,"	686	300,	205,800 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B,"	159	1,000,	159,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B,"	1	700,	700 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,351,700 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$1,351,700 00
Fourth-class druggist,	6 at	\$500,	3,000 00
Fourth-class distiller,	2	1,000,	2,000 00
Fifth-class brewer,	20	1,000,	20,000 00
Fifth-class bottler,	61	500,	30,500 00
12 o'clock privilege,	28	500,	14,000 00
			<hr/> \$1,421,200 00
Granted but not paid for: —			
First-class victualer,	1 at	\$1,100,	\$1,100 00
Fourth-class grocer,	2	1,000,	2,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer,			
"B,"	1	1,000,	1,000 00
Fifth-class bottler,	1	500,	500 00
			<hr/> 4,600 00
			<hr/> \$1,425,800 00

TABLE 6. — NUMBER OF LICENSED PLACES, LICENSES SINGLE AND IN CONJUNCTION, PAID AND UNPAID, FROM MAY 1 TO DEC. 1, 1909.

Single: —			
First-class victualer,	12 at	\$1,100,	\$13,200 00
Second-class victualer,	5	500,	2,500 00
First-class innholder,	6	2,000,	12,000 00
Fourth-class grocer,	62	1,000,	62,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B,"	76	1,000,	76,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale druggist,	6	500,	3,000 00
Fourth-class distiller,	2	1,000,	2,000 00
Fifth-class brewer,	13	1,000,	13,000 00
In conjunction: —			
First-class innholder and fourth-class wholesale dealer, "A,"	45	2,300,	103,500 00
First-class innholder, fourth-class whole- sale dealer, "A," and 12 o'clock privilege,	18	2,800,	50,400 00
First-class innholder and 12 o'clock privi- lege,	10	2,500,	25,000 00
First-class victualer and fourth-class whole- sale dealer, "A,"	623	1,400,	872,200 00
First-class victualer and fourth-class whole- sale dealer, "B,"	32	2,100,	67,200 00
First-class victualer, fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B," and fifth-class bottler,	24	2,600,	62,400 00
			<hr/> \$1,364,400 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,364,400 00
First-class victualer and fourth-class grocer,	2 at \$2,100,	4,200 00
Second-class victualer and fifth-class bottler,	1 1,000,	1,000 00
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B," and fifth-class bottler,	28 1,500,	42,000 00
Fourth-class grocer and fifth-class bottler, .	2 1,500,	3,000 00
Fifth-class brewer and fifth-class bottler, .	7 1,500,	10,500 00
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Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "A," changed to fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B," .	1 700,	700 00
		\$1,425,800 00

TABLE 7. — LIQUOR LICENSE FEES FROM 1885 TO 1909, TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE.	Amount.	Licensed Places.
Dec. 1, 1885, to Dec. 1, 1886,	\$608,113 00	2,289
Dec. 1, 1886, to Dec. 1, 1887,	588,480 00	1,863
Dec. 1, 1887, to Dec. 1, 1888,	621,574 00	1,711
Dec. 1, 1888, to Dec. 1, 1889,	888,308 00	1,568
Dec. 1, 1889, to Dec. 1, 1890,	1,016,500 00	807
Dec. 1, 1890, to Dec. 1, 1891,	1,033,872 00	892
Dec. 1, 1891, to Dec. 1, 1892,	1,058,146 00	896
Dec. 1, 1892, to Dec. 1, 1893,	1,064,033 00	896
Dec. 1, 1893, to Dec. 1, 1894,	1,084,194 00	896
Dec. 1, 1894, to Dec. 1, 1895,	1,192,989 00	896
Dec. 1, 1895, to Dec. 1, 1896,	1,447,096 00	896
Dec. 1, 1896, to Dec. 1, 1897,	1,457,235 00	993
Dec. 1, 1897, to Dec. 1, 1898,	1,469,171 00	992
Dec. 1, 1898, to Dec. 1, 1899,	1,489,575 00	992
Dec. 1, 1899, to Dec. 1, 1900,	1,488,468 00	989
Dec. 1, 1900, to Dec. 1, 1901,	1,439,684 00	986
Dec. 1, 1901, to Dec. 1, 1902,	1,426,608 27	980
Dec. 1, 1902, to Dec. 1, 1903,	1,440,237 95	979
Dec. 1, 1903, to Dec. 1, 1904,	1,438,132 16	980
Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905,	1,455,681 50	980
Dec. 1, 1905, to Dec. 1, 1906,	1,480,749 00	980
Dec. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,	1,509,894 70	974
Dec. 1, 1907, to Dec. 1, 1908,	1,509,306 03	973
Dec. 1, 1908, to Dec. 1, 1909,	1,480,709 80	970

TABLE 8. — NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED AND AMOUNT PAID INTO THE TREASURY.

From Dec. 1, 1908, to Dec. 1, 1909, for Full Year.

80 first-class innholders, at \$2,000, . . .	\$160,000 00
694 first-class victualers, at \$1,100, . . .	763,400 00
6 second-class victualers, at \$500, . . .	3,000 00
689 fourth-class wholesale dealers, "A," at \$300, . . .	206,700 00
159 fourth-class wholesale dealers, "B," at \$1,000, . . .	159,000 00
64 fourth-class grocers, at \$1,000, . . .	64,000 00
2 fourth-class distillers, at \$1,000, . . .	2,000 00
6 fourth-class wholesale druggists, at \$500, . . .	3,000 00
20 fifth-class brewers, at \$1,000, . . .	20,000 00
61 fifth-class bottlers, at \$500, . . .	30,500 00
44 clubs, at \$500, . . .	22,000 00
208 sixth-class druggists, at \$1, . . .	208 00
11 seventh-class alcohols, at \$1, . . .	11 00
	<hr/> \$1,433,819 00

From Dec. 1, 1908, to Dec. 1, 1909, for Part of Year.

4 first-class innholders, . . .	\$4,133 11
39 first-class victualers, . . .	19,332 82
40 fourth-class wholesale dealers, "A," . . .	5,433 36
4 fourth-class wholesale dealers, "B," . . .	2,180 49
2 fourth-class grocers, . . .	1,008 31
1 fifth-class bottler, . . .	126 37
1 fourth-class druggist, . . .	176 34
	<hr/> 32,396 80
1 special 12 o'clock liquor privilege, at \$500, from Dec. 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909, . . .	\$500 00
28 special 12 o'clock liquor privilege, for the full year, expiring April 30, 1910, . . .	14,000 00
	<hr/> 14,500 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$1,480,709 80

Fifty licenses have been surrendered for cancellation and new licenses issued in their place. Rebates have been granted only in special cases.

TABLE 9. — REBATES.

Rebates granted,	\$17,501 87
Total revenue for liquor licenses,	\$1,480,709 80
Less rebates,	17,501 87
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	\$1,463,207 93

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES.

TABLE 1. — COMMON VICTUALERS AND INNOLDERS.

Common Victualers without Liquor.

Applications granted,	1,981
Places licensed,	1,641
Rejected,	282
Transferred,	37
Cancelled,	336
Revoked, ¹	283
Withdrawn,	34

Of the common victualers' licenses granted, 21 were for lunch carts; 3 were later cancelled.

Innholders without Liquor.

Applications granted,	16
Places licensed,	14
Revoked,	2

TABLE 2. — BILLIARD, POOL AND SIPPIC TABLES, AND BOWLING ALLEYS.

Applications granted,	445
Places licensed,	374
Rejected,	76
Transferred,	13
Revoked,	2
Withdrawn,	22
Fees collected,	\$4,004

Number of Tables and Alleys.

Billiards,	539
Pool,	1,162
Sippio,	5
Bowling alleys,	296
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	2,002

The fee is \$2 for each table and alley.

¹ Of the licenses revoked, 279 were granted prior to Dec. 1, 1908.

TABLE 3. — INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.

Applications granted, ¹	130
Places licensed,	109
Cancelled,	3
Rejected,	4
Revoked,	2
Transferred,	4
Fees collected,	\$4,225

Of the applications granted: —

41 were first-class, at \$50,	\$2,050
87 were second-class, at \$25,	2,175
	<hr/> \$4,225

TABLE 4. — MISCELLANEOUS.

Skating Rinks.

Applications granted,	1
Fees collected,	\$5

Picnic Groves.

Applications granted,	3
Places licensed,	3

Drivers' Permits.

Granted,	678
Rejected,	5
Cancelled,	32
Revoked,	1
Withdrawn,	2

TABLE 5. — ICE CREAM, CONFECTIONERY, SODA WATER AND FRUIT.

Applications granted, ²	356
Places licensed,	343
Rejected,	111
Transferred,	3
Cancelled,	12
Revoked,	1
Withdrawn,	19
Fees collected,	\$1,770

The fee as established by the Board is \$5.

Total amount received and paid into the treasury on account of miscellaneous licenses,	\$10,004
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¹ Two reconsidered and rejected before payment was made.

² One license cancelled for nonpayment of fee; one license not yet paid for.

TABLE 6. — HOLDERS OF COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES, ARRANGED
ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY.

American,	974
Armenian,	68
Assyrian,	14
Austrian,	9
British Provinces,	6
Canadian,	69
Chinese,	14
Cuban,	1
Danish,	1
English,	92
French,	16
German,	57
Grecian,	133
Hebrew,	126
Hungarian,	1
Irish,	81
Italian,	264
Norwegian,	8
Nova Scotian,	4
Polish,	1
Portuguese,	5
Russian,	120
Scotch,	10
Spanish,	1
Swedish,	18
Turkish,	5
West Indian,	1
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Total,	2,099

Innholders.

American,	15
Russian,	1

TABLE 7. — HOLDERS OF FRUIT LICENSES, ARRANGED ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY.

American,	55
Armenian,	22
Assyrian,	3
Austrian,	2
British Provinces,	3
Canadian,	1
English,	3
German,	3
Grecian,	65
Hebrew,	31
Irish,	7
Italian,	143
Norwegian,	1
Persian,	1
Russian,	40
Scotch,	2
Spanish,	1
Swedish,	1
Turkish,	3
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Total,	387

By order of the Board, the recording fees, provided for by chapter 100, section 10, Revised Laws, as amended by chapter 291, Acts of 1906, were turned into the city treasury, together with whatever interest had accumulated.

Fees and interest, 1906-07,	\$1,624 19
Fees and interest, 1907-08,	1,239 00
Fees and interest, 1908-09,	1,471 42
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	\$4,334 61

Drivers' cards were formerly good until revoked. Now the drivers' cards expire September 1 of each year, and must be renewed upon their expiration.

COMPARISONS.

TABLE 1. — RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, ACCOUNT OF LICENSES.

	1906-07.	1907-08.	1908-09.
Liquor licenses,	\$1,509,894 70	\$1,509,306 03	\$1,480,709 80
Rebates,	56,441 71	60,338 04	17,501 87
	\$1,453,452 99	\$1,448,967 99	\$1,463,207 93
Miscellaneous licenses,	7,093 00	7,947 00	10,004 00
Recording fees and interest, omitted from past reports,	} —	{ 1,624 19 ¹ 1,239 00 ²	1,471 42 —
Totals,	\$1,460,545 99	\$1,459,778 18	\$1,474,683 35

TABLE 2. — LICENSES.

	1906-07.	1907-08.	1908-09.
First-class innholder,	78	78	79
First-class victualer,	690	690	691
Second-class victualer,	7	6	6
Fourth-class distiller,	2	2	2
Fourth-class wholesale dealer, "B,"	95	102	104
Fourth-class grocer,	74	67	62
Fourth-class wholesale druggist,	6	6	6
Fifth-class brewer,	21	20	20
	973	971	970
Sixth-class druggist,	224	208	195
Seventh-class alcohol,	14	11	11
Clubs,	50	43	43
	288	262	249

Common Victualers.

Applications granted,	1,585	2,107	1,981
Places licensed,	1,426	1,704	1,641
Rejected,	125	258	282
Cancelled,	153	391	336
Revoked,	6	12	283
Transferred,	22	51	37
Withdrawn,	—	—	34

¹ 1906-07, paid in 1907.² 1907-08, paid in 1907.

Innholders.

	1906-07.	1907-08.	1908-09.
Applications granted,	14	15	16
Places licensed,	13	13	14
Rejected,	5	1	—
Cancelled,	1	2	—
Revoked,	—	—	2

Billiard, Pool and Sippio Tables, and Bowling Alleys.

Applications granted,	406	412	445
Places licensed,	324	347	374
Rejected,	54	122	76
Transferred,	16	11	13
Cancelled,	34	42	—
Revoked,	10	15	2
Withdrawn,	—	—	22

Intelligence Offices.

Applications granted,	107	122	130
Places licensed,	89	100	109
Rejected,	5	10	4
Transferred,	5	10	4
Cancelled,	4	1	3
Revoked,	—	—	2

Skating Rinks.

Applications granted,	1	1	1
Places licensed,	1	1	1

Picnic Groves.

Applications granted,	3	3	3
Places licensed,	2	3	3
Rejected,	1	—	—

Drivers' Permits.

	1906-07.	1907-08.	1908-09.
Granted,	200	862	678
Rejected,	13	16	5
Cancelled,	46	49	32
Revoked,	1	2	1
Withdrawn,	—	—	2

Ice Cream, Confectionery, Soda Water and Fruit.

Granted,	—	—	356
Places licensed,	—	—	343
Cancelled,	—	—	12
Rejected,	—	—	111
Revoked,	—	—	1
Transferred,	—	—	3
Withdrawn,	—	—	19

EXPENDITURES FROM DEC. 1, 1908, TO DEC. 1, 1909.

Commissioners and secretary, salaries,	\$13,500 00
Clerks, messengers, salaries,	11,275 61
Incidentals,	264 24
Investigating liquor cases,	60 20
Furniture and repairs,	168 35
Light,	68 00
Printing, postage and stationery,	2,144 01
Rent and repairs,	6,699 07
Telephone,	496 77
Travel,	224 95
Total,	\$34,901 20

COMPARISONS.

1906, June 1 to Dec. 1,	\$17,054 26
1906-07,	36,703 71
1907-08,	34,160 02
1908-09,	34,901 20

LICENSE FEES AS FIXED BY THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1909-10.

The fees for licenses were fixed at the following rates for the year commencing May 1, 1909, and ending April 30, 1910, viz. : —

For licenses of the first class, to sell all kinds of liquor, to be drunk on the premises: —

Innholders,	\$2,000 00
Privilege to serve liquors to midnight (innholders),	500 00
Common victualers,	1,100 00

For licenses of the second class, to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines, containing not more than 15 per centum of alcohol, to be drunk on the premises: —

Common victualers,	500 00
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For licenses of the fourth class, to sell all kinds of liquor and to bottle distilled liquors, not to be drunk on the premises: —

Wholesale druggists,	500 00
Grocers,	1,000 00
Wholesale dealers, "A," issued only in conjunction with a first-class license,	300 00
Wholesale dealers, "B,"	1,000 00
Distillers,	1,000 00

For licenses of the fifth class, to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines, containing not more than 15 per centum of alcohol, not to be drunk on the premises: —

Bottlers, issued only in conjunction with another license,	500 00
Brewers,	1,000 00

For a license of the sixth class, to druggists, 1 00

For a license of the seventh class, to sell pure alcohol, 1 00

For a club license, 500 00



